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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2526–2530, and S. Res. 271.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1811, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to streamline the financial disclosure process for executive branch employees, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 107–152)

H.R. 1209, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to determine whether an alien is a child, for purposes of classification as an immediate relative, based on the age of the alien on the date the classification petition with respect to the alien is filed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

- S. Res. 268, designating May 20, 2002, as a day for Americans to recognize the importance of teaching children about current events in an accessible way to their development as both students and citizens.
- S. 672, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the continued classification of certain aliens as children for purposes of that Act in cases where the aliens "age-out" while awaiting immigration processing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.
- S. 2179, to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to States, local governments, and Indian tribes to establish permanent tributes to honor men and women who were killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or public safety officers.

Pages S4491-92

Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S4434-50, S4455-69, S4470-72

Adopted:

Kyl/Gramm Amendment No. 3429 (to Amendment No. 3401), to require that any revenue gen-D496 erated from custom user fees be used to pay for the operations of the United States Customs Service.

Pages S4455-57

Rejected:

Gregg Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3401), to strike the provisions relating to wage insurance. (By 58 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Dodd Amendment No. 3428 (to Amendment No. 3401), to clarify the principal negotiating objectives of the United States with respect to labor and the environment. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 3401, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4434–50, S4455–69, S4470–72

Rockefeller Amendment No. 3433 (to Amendment No. 3401), to provide a 1-year eligibility period for steelworker retirees and eligible beneficiaries affected by a qualified closing of a qualified steel company for assistance with health insurance coverage and interim assistance. Pages S4459-69, S4470-72

Daschle Amendment No. 3434 (to Amendment No. 3433), to clarify that steelworker retirees and eligible beneficiaries are not eligible for other trade adjustment assistance unless they would otherwise be eligible for that assistance. Pages S4459–69, S4470–72

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the sequence of certain Democratic amendments.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, May 17, 2002.

NATO Expansion: Senate considered H.R. 3167, to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996.

Pages S4472-86

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 17, 2002, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur at 10:30 a.m. Page S4509

Appointment:

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Bingaman as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 107th Congress.

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Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System Act—Agreement: A unanimousconsent agreement was reached providing that S. 934, the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System Act be discharged from the Committee on Indian Affairs and then referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Further, that if and when the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reports S. 934, then the measure be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 848, the Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act, reported today by the Committee on the Judiciary, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-85)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-86)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Dennis L. Schornack, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada

Gerald Reynolds, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Michael E. Toner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007. Page S4509

Messages From the House: Pages S4489-90

Measures Referred: Page \$4490

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: Pages \$4487-89

Amendments Submitted: Pages \$4503-08

Authority for Committees to Meet: Page \$4508
Privilege of the Floor: Page \$4509

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—115)

Pages S4442, S4459

Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 17, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$4509).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STRESS MANAGEMENT AND HEART DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the impact of stress management in reducing heart disease, after receiving testimony from Peter Kaufmann, Group Leader, Division of Epidemiology and Clinical Applications, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; David B. Abrams, Brown Medical School Centers for Behavioral and Preventive Medicine, Providence, Rhode Island; Herbert Benson, Harvard Medical School Mind/Body Medical Institute, Boston, Massachusetts; Harvey Eisenberg, HealthView, Newport Beach, California; Dean Ornish, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, on behalf of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute; Col. Marina N. Vernalis, USA, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; and Karen A. Matthews, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center.

CRUSADER ARTILLERY SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Defense's recommendation to terminate the Crusader artillery program, continue some of the Crusader technology, and move the funds to technology and programs to better serve America, after receiving testimony from

Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary, Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, and Edward C. Aldridge, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense; and General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee met and approved an amendment in the nature of a substitute to S. 2201, to protect the online privacy of individuals who use the Internet.

Committee will meet again on Friday, May 17.

ENRON IMPACT ON STATE PENSION FUNDS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings to examine the consumer impact of Enron's influence on large institutional investors and State pension funds, after receiving testimony from Thomas Herndon, C. Coleman Stipanovich, and Trent Webster, all of the Florida State Board of Administration, Tallahassee; Bruce W. Calvert and Alfred Harrison, both of Alliance Capital Management, and Michael Musuraca, New York City Employees Retirement Systems, on behalf of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, all of New York, New York; and James K. Glassman, American Enterprise Institute, and Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, D.C.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings on S.J. Res. 34, approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, May 22.

WATER INVESTMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee began consideration of S. 1961, to improve financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States, but did not complete final action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

TANF REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, created by the Welfare Reform Law of

1996, focusing on proposed work requirement modifications, income and support for low-income working families, ongoing program performance standards, and increasing and improving the focus of State governments as reform implementers, receiving testimony from Senators Dodd, Santorum, Bayh, and Carper; Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; Howard H. Hendrick, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Oklahoma City; Isabel V. Sawhill, Brookings Institution, on behalf of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and Vicki Turetsky, Center for Law and Social Policy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kate Kahan, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation, Missoula, Montana.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the validity of the Nuclear Posture Review, focusing on the reliability, safety, and security of the United States nuclear stockpile, after receiving testimony from Adm. Bill A. Owens, USN (Ret.), Teledesic LLC, Bellevue, Washington, former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; John S. Foster, Jr., Pilkington Aerospace, Inc., St. Helen's, United Kingdom, former Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Department of Energy, and former Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense; Steven Weinberg, University of Texas Theory Research Group, Austin; and Joseph Cirincione, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Loren B. Thompson, Lexington Institute and Georgetown University, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Todd Walther Dillard, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal, and Robert R. Rigsby, District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge, both for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Dillard and Mr. Rigsby were introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

CAREER PATH TRAINING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training concluded hearings to examine how to make investments in programs and services that provide individuals with the skills and resources needed to succeed in the labor market, focusing on the need to improve

current workforce development and welfare programs, including exploring the intersections between the Workforce Investment Act and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, after receiving testimony from Sigurd R. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Yvonne Shields, Community Voices Heard, New York, New York; Stephen M. Wing, CVS/pharmacy, Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Steve Savner, Center for Law and Social Policy, Washington, D.C.; Jan Mueller, Minnesota Family Investment Program, St. Paul; and Steven M. Rothschild, Twin Cities RISE, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 848, to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of social security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 1742, to prevent the crime of identity theft, mitigate the harm to individuals victimized by identity theft, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:
- S. 2179, to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to States, local governments, and Indian tribes to establish permanent tributes to honor men

and women who were killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or public safety officers;

S. 672, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the continued classification of certain aliens as children for purposes of that Act in cases where the aliens "age-out" while awaiting immigration processing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1209, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to determine whether an alien is a child, for purposes of classification as an immediate relative, based on the age of the alien on the date the classification petition with respect to the alien is filed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 268, designating May 20, 2002, as a day for Americans to recognize the importance of teaching children about current events in an accessible way to their development as both students and citizens; and

The nominations of Richard R. Clifton, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Christopher C. Conner, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Joy Flowers Conti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and John E. Jones III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4748–4769; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 423, were introduced. Pages H2206–07

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3717, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, amended (H. Rept. 107–467).

H.R. 1877, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain sexual crimes against children are predicate crimes for the interception of communications, amended (H. Rept. 107–468);

H.R. 2054, to give the consent of Congress to an agreement or compact between Utah and Nevada regarding a change in the boundaries of those States, amended (H. Rept. 107–469);

H.R. 4466, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005, amended (H. Rept. 107–470);

H.R. 3253, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of emergency medical preparedness centers in the Department of Veterans Affairs, amended (H. Rept. 107–471);

H.R. 4085, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, amended (H. Rept. 107–472);

H.R. 4514, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, amended (H. Rept. 107–473); and

H.R. 4608, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center", amended (H. Rept. 107–474).

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, May 15 by a yea-and-nay vote of 330 yeas to 63 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 167.

Pages H2513–14

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Kolbe, Dreier, Stenholm, Barton of Texas, Dooley of California, Pastor, Filner, Roybal-Allard, Cannon, Reyes, Tancredo, and Udall of New Mexico.

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U.S. Delegation of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the United States Delegation of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Houghton, Gilman, LaFalce, Shaw, Lipinski, Slaughter, Stearns, Manzullo, Dan Miller of Florida, Souder, and English.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Extension of National Emergency re Burma: Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Burma is to continue beyond May 20, 2002. He further stated that the crisis between the United States and Burma constituted by the actions and policies of the government of Burma, including its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition that led to the declaration of a national emergency on May 20, 1999, has not been resolved—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–211); and Page H2591

Six Month Periodic Report on the National Emergency re Burma: Message wherein he transmitted a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–212).

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Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Former President Reagan and Mrs. Reagan: The House recessed at 2:43 p.m. for Members to attend the ceremony in the Rotunda of the Capitol to present the Congressional Gold Medal to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation. The House reconvened at 3:16 p.m. Page H2591

Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act—Rule Providing for Consideration: The House passed H.R. 4737, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and improve

access to quality child care by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 170.

Pages H2517-90, H2591-94

Rejected the Maloney of Connecticut motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House promptly with an amendment that increases funding for child care by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 169. Pages H2592–94

Rejected the Cardin amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 107–466 that sought to expand state flexibility to provide training and education to welfare recipients, increase mandatory funding for child care by \$11 billion over the next five years, remove various barriers to serving legal immigrants, and provide financial bonuses to states for reducing child poverty by a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 168.

Pages H2567-90, H2591-92

The clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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On May 15, the House agreed to H. Res. 422, the rule that provided for consideration of H.R. 4737, and further agreed that during consideration of the bill, pursuant to this rule, the Chair notwithstanding the order of the previous question, may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker on the legislative day of Thursday, May 16, 2002.

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative program for the week of May 20.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, May 20: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 22.

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Help America Vote Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 3295, to require States and localities to meet uniform and non-discriminatory election technology and administration requirements applicable to Federal elections, to establish grant programs to provide assistance to States and localities to meet those requirements and to improve election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to establish the Election Administration Commission, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: from the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Ney and Representatives Ehlers, Doolittle, Reynolds, Hoyer, Fattah, and Davis of Florida; from the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of sections 601 and 606 of the House bill and section 404 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Stump and Representatives McHugh and Skelton; Page H2599

From the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of sections 216, 221, Title IV, sections 502 and 503 of the House bill, and sections 101, 102, 104, subtitles A, B, and C of Title II, sections 311, 501 and 502 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Chabot and Convers; from the Committee on Science for consideration of sections 221-5, 241-3, 251-3, and 261 of the House bill and section 101 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Morella and Barcia, provided that Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas is appointed in lieu of Representative Barcia for consideration of sections 251–3 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference;

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From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of sections 103 and 503 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Thomas and Representatives Shaw and Rangel; and for consideration of the House bill and Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representative Blunt.

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Agreed to the Hoyer motion to instruct conferees to insist on the (1) provisions contained in title I of the House bill (relating to a program to provide payments to States and units of local government for replacing and enhancing punch and voting systems); and (2) provisions contained in section 232 of the House bill (relating to the formula used to determine the amount of other payments made to States under the bill for carrying out activities to improve the administration of elections). Pages H2596–99

Committee Resignations: Read letters wherein Representative Pence announced his resignation from the Committee on Science, Representative Bryant announced his resignation from the Committee on the Judiciary, and Representative Forbes announced his resignation from the Committee on Science.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 423, electing Representative Sullivan to the Committees on Government Reform and Science and Representative Forbes to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2513–14, H2592, H2593–94, and H2594. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

ASSESSING RETIREE HEALTH LEGACY COSTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on "Assessing Retiree Health Legacy Costs: Is America Prepared for a Healthy Retirement?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CRITICAL CHALLENGES CONFRONTING NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on the "Critical Challenges Confronting National Security-Continuing Encroachment Threatens Force Readiness." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. William P. Tangney, USA, Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Special Operations, Command, Tampa, Florida; Col. Thomas D. Waldhauser, USMC, Commanding Officer, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Special Operations Capable, Camp Pendleton, California; Capt. Stephen S. Voetsch, USN, Commander, Air Wing One, USS Theodore Roosevelt, Norfolk, Virginia; CDR Kerry M. Meetz, USNR, Naval Special Warfare Group One, Coronado, California; Capt. Jason L. Amerine, USA, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Raymond DuBois, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; and Paul Mayberry, Deputy Under Secretary, Readiness; Barry Holman, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and Dan Miller, First Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law, State of Colorado.

SIERRA LEONE ELECTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Elections in Sierra Leone: A Step Toward Stability? Testimony was heard from William M. Bellamy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on "Administrative and Procedural Aspects of the Federal Reserve Board/Department of the Treasury Proposed Rule Concerning Competition in the Real Estate Brokerage and Management Markets." Testimony was heard from Sheila Bair, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following: H.R. 3937, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 2002; the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2002; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Service Act; the National Coastal and Ocean Service Act of 2002; the National Marine Fisheries Service Act of 2002; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officers Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Representative Hunter; Scott Gudes, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere/Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Mitchell R. Ellis, Branch Chief, Wildlife Resources, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a joint hearing on Chronic Wasting Disease. Testimony was heard from Carl Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; James G. Butler, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA; Scott McCallum, Governor, State of Wisconsin; Mike Miller, Wildlife Veterinarian, Wildlife Research Center, Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; Russell George, Director, Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; E. Tom Thorne, Chief of Services, Department of Game and Fish, State of Wyoming; Bruce Morrison, Assistant Administrator, Wildlife Division, Commission of Game and Parks, State of Nebraska; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing

on the following bills: H.R. 36, National Discovery Trails Act of 2001; H.R. 3858, New River Gorge National River Boundary Act of 2002; and H.R. 4103, Martin's Cove Land Transfer Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Bereuter; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Tom Fulton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management; and Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource, Stewardship, and Partnerships, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on "CMS: New Name, Same Old Game." Testimony was heard from Thomas Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Sub-committee on Highways and Transit approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3429, Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety; and H.R. 3609, Pipeline Infrastructure Protection to Enhance Security and Safety Act.

VETERANS' MATTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health held a joint hearing on nonprofit research corporations and educational foundations affiliated with specific Veterans Health Administration facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Slachta, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration; Wendy Baldwin, M.D., Deputy Director, Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of May 15, 2002, p. D492)

H.R. 169, to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws. Signed on May 15, 2002. (Public Law 107–174)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the Sakajawea Golden Dollar Coin, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to continue consideration of S. 630, to prohibit senders of unsolicited commercial electronic mail from disguising the source of their messages, to give consumers the choice to cease receiving a sender's unsolicited commercial electronic mail messages; S. 2201, to protect the online privacy of individuals who use the Internet; S. 414, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish a digital network technology program; S. 2037, to mobilize technology and science experts to respond quickly to the threats posed by terrorist attacks and other emergencies, by providing for the establishment of a national emergency technology guard, a technology reliability advisory board, and a center for evaluating antiterrorism and dis-

aster response technology within the National Institute of Standards and Technology; S. 2182, to authorize funding for computer and network security research and development and research fellowship programs; S. 1485, to amend the Poison Prevention Packaging Act to authorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission to require child-proof caps for portable gasoline containers; S. 2329, to improve seaport security; S. 2428, to amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act; the nomination of Harold D. Stratton, of New Mexico, to be Chairman and a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; and routine nominations for promotions in the United States Coast Guard, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to continue consideration of S. 1961, to improve financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States; and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 10:30 a.m., S-407 Capitol.

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No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Friday, May 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12:30 p.m., Monday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3167, NATO Expansion, with a vote on final passage to occur at 10:30 a.m; following which, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3009, Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of Suspensions.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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